

Spotlight on Barnwell County...

Location & Climate

- Located in the southwestern
- area of the state
- Surrounded by Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg, and Orangeburg counties
- This climatic region has an average temperature of 64.3 degrees and experiences 46.06 inches of precipitation annually

Population

- 23,404 in 2004
- 55.2% white and 44.8% nonwhite (Census 2000)
- Median age was 35.5 years old (Census 2000)
- Estimated to grow to 25,740 by 2015

Labor Force

- Decreased from 10,030 in 2003 to 9,620 in 2000
- Unemployment rate was unchanged in 2004 at 9.6%

Employment

- Average monthly employment for the county was 8,694 in 2004, compared to 8,947 in 2003

Per Capita Income

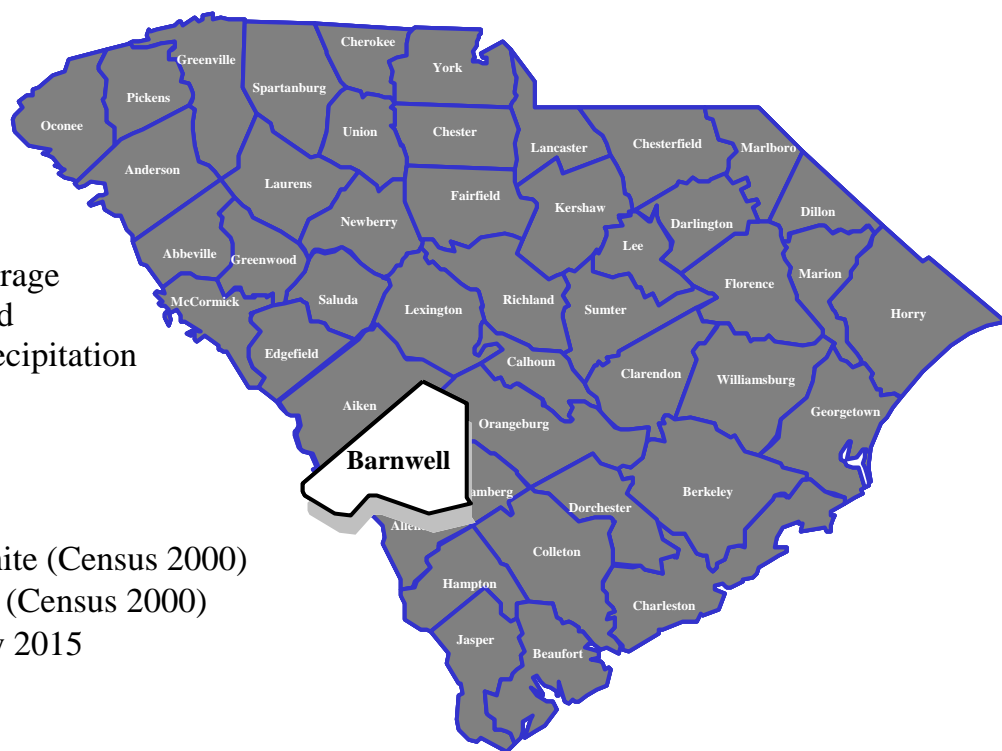
- Per capita income for the county was \$19,296 in 2003
- It was 74% of the state's PCI of \$26,144

Unemployment Insurance Benefits

The Barnwell Workforce Center, which serves Allendale and Barnwell counties, paid \$3,727,856 in regular U.I. benefits during calendar year 2004.

Barnwell Workforce Center

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